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CLAIM LISTING

1. (Currently Amended) A sleeping bag, comprising:
a cinch mechanism for maintaining the sleeping bag in a rolled configuration, the cinch mechanism comprising:
an elongate flexible material connected to the sleeping bag and configured so as to form a loop;
a cord connected to the sleeping bag; and
a clasp attached to the cord;
wherein the loop, the cord, and the clasp are arranged and configured such that, when the sleeping bag is rolled, the elongate flexible material loop wraps around the sleeping bag, the cord is extended through the loop, and the clasp is attached to a portion of the cord so as to hold the loop elongate flexible material and the cord in place, and wherein pulling on the clasp relative to the loop prior to attaching the clasp to the portion of the cord pulls at connection points for the cord and elongate flexible material and thereby tightens the roll of the sleeping bag.
2. (Currently Amended) The sleeping bag of claim 1, wherein the elongate flexible material loop is attachedconnected directly to and extends from a foot of the sleeping bag.
3. (Currently Amended) The sleeping bag of claim 2, wherein the cord is attachedconnected directly to and extends from the ~~to-a-~~ foot of the sleeping bag.
4. (Currently Amended) The sleeping bag of claim 1, wherein the cord is attachedconnected directly to and extends from a foot of the sleeping bag.
5. (Currently Amended) The sleeping bag of claim 1, wherein, when the sleeping bag is folded lengthwise, the loop elongate flexible material is attachedconnected directly to and extends from to a bottom half of the sleeping bag.

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6. (Currently Amended) The sleeping bag of claim 5, wherein, when the sleeping bag is folded lengthwise, the cord is attachedconnected directly to and extends from a top half of the sleeping bag.

7. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 1, wherein the clasp comprises an opening for hooking onto a portion of the cord that extends against an outer surface of the sleeping bag.

8. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 7, wherein the clasp comprises two openings for hooking onto a portion of the cord that extends against an outer surface of the sleeping bag.

9. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 8, wherein the two openings are located on opposite sides of the clasp.

10. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 8, wherein the two openings are located on the same side of the clasp.

11. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 7, wherein the clasp is configured to fit a hand of a user.

12. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 11, wherein the clasp includes a narrowed portion for attaching to the cord and for grasping with a hand, and a thickened portion including the opening.

13. (Currently Amended) The sleeping bag of claim 1, wherein the loop comprises two attachmentsconnections of the elongate flexible material that align adjacent to outer portions of the sleeping bag when the sleeping bag is rolled, the loop being formed by the elongate flexible material between the two connections.

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14. (Currently Amended) A sleeping bag rolled into a roll, comprising:
an elongate flexible material connected to the sleeping bag and configured so as to form a loop, the a-loop extending in one direction around the roll; and
a cord connected to the sleeping bag and extending in an opposite direction around the roll and removably attached to the loop for maintaining the sleeping bag in the roll, and
wherein pulling on the cord relative to the loop pulls at connection points for the cord and
elongate flexible material and thereby tightens the roll of the sleeping bag.

15. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 14, further comprising a clasp that is utilized to attach the cord to the loop.

16. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 15, wherein the clasp is connected to the cord.

17. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 16, wherein the cord extends through the loop and the clasp is attached to a portion of the cord extending along an outside of the rolled sleeping bag.

18. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 17, wherein the clasp comprises an opening for hooking onto the portion of the cord.

19. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 18, wherein the clasp comprises two openings for hooking onto the portion of the cord.

20. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 19, wherein the two openings are located on opposite sides of the clasp.

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21. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 19, wherein the two openings are located on the same side of the clasp.

22. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 18, wherein the clasp is configured to fit a hand of a user.

23. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 22, wherein the clasp includes a narrowed portion for attaching to the cord and for grasping with a hand, and a thickened portion including the opening.

24. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 14, wherein the cord extends through the loop and is attached to itself.

25. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 24, wherein the cord is attached to a portion of the cord extending along an outside of the rolled sleeping bag.

26. (Original) The sleeping bag of claim 24, wherein the cord is attached to itself by tying.

27. (New Claim) The sleeping bag of claim 1, wherein the cord is a separate element independent of the elongate flexible material.

28. (New Claim) The sleeping bag of claim 13, wherein the cord is connected to the sleeping bag between the two connections.

29. (New Claim) The sleeping bag of claim 14, wherein the loop comprises two connections of the elongate flexible material to outer portions of the sleeping bag when the sleeping bag is rolled, the connections forming the loop therebetween.

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30. (New Claim) The sleeping bag of claim 29, wherein the cord is connected to the sleeping bag between the two connections.

31. (New Claim) A method of storing a sleeping bag, comprising:
rolling the sleeping bag into a roll;
extending a first end of a cord through a loop, the cord being connected directly to the sleeping bag, and the loop being formed out of an elongate flexible material connected directly to the sleeping bag;
pulling the cord so as to tighten the cord and the elongate flexible material against the roll; and
attaching the end of the cord to another position on the cord.

32. (New Claim) The method of claim 31, wherein the another position is variable depending upon how tight the roll is formed.